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To: Field Managers, Nevada

Deputy State Directors and Staff Chiefs, NSO

Attention: Volunteer Coordinators

From: Deputy State Director, Support Services

Subject: Nominations for BLM's 2000 "Making a Difference" National

Volunteer Awards DD: 1/21/2000

The attached WO Information Bulletin No. 2000-034, invites two separate nominations for "Making a Difference" National Volunteer Awards for FY99. These awards will recognize: (1) the outstanding volunteer(s) and; (2) the outstanding Volunteer Coordinator for their program accomplishments.

Please forward your nominations to Nancy Adams, Volunteer Coordinator, Branch of Human Resources, by January 21, 2000, for submission to the Washington Office. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Adams at 775-861-6427.

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#### 1 Attachment

1 - WO Information Bulletin No. 2000-03 w/Attachments (5 pp)

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EMS TRANSMISSION 12/02/99 Information Bulletin No. 2000-034

To: All WO and Field Officials

From: Group Manager, Environmental Education & Volunteers Group

Subject: Nominations for BLM's 2000 "Making a Difference" National Volunteer Awards

DD:1/31/2000

We cordially invite your nominations of outstanding volunteers, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Volunteer Coordinators, and/or BLM volunteer supervisors/organizers for consideration for BLM's 2000 "Making a Difference" National Volunteer Awards, which will recognize 1999 program accomplishments. Nomination packages should be submitted to Mary Tisdale, Manager of the BLM Environmental Education and Volunteers Group, through your State or Center Volunteer Coordinator (please see list in Attachment 1), by January 31, 2000. (If your State or Center Volunteer Coordinator is one of your nominees, you may submit his/her nomination separately and directly.) Please note that BLM nominees and private volunteers will be evaluated in two separate groups.

Begun in 1995, the BLM National Volunteer Awards Program acknowledges volunteers and BLM employees involved with the Volunteer Program who have made significant contributions to Bureau of Land Management programs, initiatives, and/or events. Several factors influence the selection of award recipients, including the caliber and extent of their service and the program needs they have filled. Attachment 2 provides eligibility criteria, outlines the nomination process, provides guidelines for preparation of nomination packages, and briefly describes the selection process.

"Making a Difference" Award winners will be selected by early to mid-February, and State Volunteer Coordinators will be notified shortly afterwards. Award-winning volunteers and BLM employees will be flown to Washington, D.C. in mid-April to participate in an awards ceremony and other special events and programs. Travel and ceremony costs for recipients will be covered by the Washington Office.

For information on BLM's 1999 "Making a Difference" winners, please visit the BLM Volunteer website at <a href="http://www.blm.gov/volunteer/news/annreport/1998/p5.html">http://www.blm.gov/volunteer/news/annreport/1998/p5.html</a>. If you have questions about BLM's "Making a Difference" Volunteer Awards Program or the nomination process, please feel free to contact Mary Tisdale at (202) 452-0365 or e-mail <a href="mailto:Mary Tisdale@blm.gov">Mary Tisdale@blm.gov</a>. We look forward to learning about your outstanding volunteers.

Signed by:
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### 2 Attachments

- 1 Table of BLM State and Center Volunteer Coordinators (1 p)
- 2 BLM "Making a Difference" National Volunteer Awards Criteria (2 pp)

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# BLM "Making a Difference" National Volunteer Awards Criteria

**CRITERIA** (nominees should have demonstrated excellence in one or more of the following areas):

- Service to public lands and the American people
- Support of BLM's mission
- Raising the awareness of the public about conserving and protecting the public lands
- Building of partnerships or stewardship opportunities
- Support of the volunteer program

### **ELIGIBLE NOMINEES**

- Individual BLM volunteers, hosted workers, and groups
- BLM employees: Volunteer Coordinators, volunteer supervisors/organizers

### Nomination Process

Nominations should be submitted, via your State or Center Volunteer Coordinator, to Mary Tisdale, Manager of the BLM Environmental Education and Volunteers Group, by January 10, 2000. If a nominee is the State or Center Volunteer Coordinator, that nomination may be submitted separately and directly.

**CONTENTS OF NOMINATION PACKAGE** Nominations should not be longer than one page each. Each nomination package should include the following:

- Nominee's name
- Nominee's address
- Nominee's phone number, fax number, e-mail address
- Name, office address, phone number, and e-mail address of volunteer's BLM contact or employee-supervisor, or BLM employee's supervisor
- Length of nominee's service in the volunteer program (if relevant)
- Narrative about the nominee's "Making a Difference" contribution in 1999:
  - work or project description
  - significance to BLM's mission, and/or dollar value of contribution
  - two- or three-sentence summary describing how the volunteer "made a difference"

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

A selection committee consisting of one or more BLM Washington Office employees, one BLM field employee (or an employee with field experience), and one or more representatives from external organizations will convene to evaluate award nominees. Judges will not be required to select a specific number of winners; rather, they will be encouraged to select those nominees who they deem have made the most significant difference in helping BLM manage the public lands.

Please note that BLM nominees and private volunteers will be evaluated in separate groups.

### **AWARDS CEREMONY**

"Making a Difference" Award presentations will be made during National Volunteer Week, April 9-15, 2000, at a special ceremony in Washington, D.C. Travel and ceremony costs for winners will be paid by the Washington Office.